

BORGULM SOUGHT PLANE PROFIT, WAR DEPARTMENT REPLIES TO ACCUSATIONS

Attempted Secret Partner-
ship in New Company,
Officials Charge.

MAY WIDEN INQUIRY

Boasted of Influence With
Wilson and Sought to
Exploit It.

SENATE GETS EVIDENCE

Sculptor Said He'd Get Rid of
Air Board—British At-
tache Involved.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Sensational developments came from the aircraft inquiry to-day when the spotlight of publicity was turned on the activities of Gutzon Borglum, who was the President's so-called personal investigator of aircraft conditions and is now the author of the sweeping charges against the Signal Corps and the Aircraft Production Board.

Evidence supported by documentary proof was turned over to Senator Thomas (Col.) from files of the War Department showing that Borglum while acting as investigator sought to exploit his influence with the President for his own benefit in an airplane company, that he sought to keep the transaction under cover and that part of this secret plan involved getting rid of officials against whom he has now brought charges.

Thomas Gives Evidence.

The Borglum exposures were read into the record by Senator Thomas. They are in the form of statements by Kenyon W. Mix, son of the president of the Dodge Manufacturing Company, Mishawaka, Ind., and Henry Harrison Squier, his consulting engineer, with whom Borglum had dealings, correspondence and telegrams concerning the scheme from Mr. Borglum himself.

They form a chain of evidence apparently complete, so far as exposing Mr. Borglum's double purpose is concerned. The evidence incidentally draws in H. C. Gibson, attaché of the British Ministry of Munitions; Lieut. Roberts of the British army and others.

It was said in army circles to-night that the dragnet would extend far wider if the investigation should be continued along this line, for Mr. Borglum is considered merely one of many who for one reason or another have sought to break down the personnel of the Aircraft Production Board.

Several members of the International Society of America are understood to have been mentioned by secret service reports as having been in connection with Borglum.

This agitation, however, or its exposure, will not affect the investigation of the Senate Military Committee, which is busy to place blame for any wrongdoings found to exist among officials in charge of this work for the Government.

The committee, satisfied that there has been a fall down in the aviation programme, holds that it devolves upon it to place the blame and satisfy the public mind that no wrong has been done in connection with it.

Borglum's exposure is due to the fact that Mix became suspicious of him after the fact that Borglum was seeking to exploit his position as investigator for financial gain. Mix waited until he was sure of his suspicions and then informed the House Committee on the War.

Charges Summarized.

The charges against Borglum in the documentary evidence follow:

Armed with the Presidential letter of January 2 he entered into a scheme to be a silent partner in an airplane manufacturing concern in which he would obtain an interest in exchange for his personal friendship and association with President Wilson.

Borglum added that "he could do nothing without the President's aid."

He represented to his prospective partners that he could obtain for them the plans and technical details by virtue of his position as personal investigator of the Signal Corps.

He made it clear that he could not afford to be represented openly in the prospective company and, therefore, elected a Mr. Harris to be his representative.

He informed these partners that he did not like the personnel of the Aircraft Production Board and that he wished to change it "by virtue of his position as personal investigator."

He even went so far as to have written a letter to suggest men for the place.

Sculptor Goes to New York.

Borglum was not available to-day when the Navy was made a claimant in the Albany Hotel. Inquirers were informed, however, that a Mr. Nichols would be glad to see any newspaper men.

He said that Borglum would be at his place at 10:30 to-night in New York.

Mr. Nichols is mentioned in the correspondence as having informed the Signal Corps of the airplane scheme that Mr. Borglum could put through anything he wanted to that had merit, but that Mr. Borglum must keep under cover. Left his home here to-day, but left before he was summoned by any of the aircraft investigators.

The evidence shows that the sculptor had an idea for an airplane and had written to Mr. Nichols, Squier on the subject. His plan was rejected later by Col. Deeds and efforts to bring it to fruition failed.

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Borglum Brands Mix Charges as Being a "Scurrilous Frame Up"

IN a statement issued here late last night Gutzon Borglum characterized as "a scurrilous frame up" the charges made against him in Washington yesterday in relation to connection with the investigation of airplane production in the United States.

"This scurrilous frame up, which I charge it to be, has been in the hands of the Government for months," he said, "and is now sprung when it has finally become evident that I shall persist until the airplane failure is honestly and thoroughly investigated. The charges of Mix, a confessed tool of Deeds, and Mix's engineer are lies unreservedly, both in inference and statement, as applied to me in anything I ever did directly or indirectly that was improper in my capacity as representative of the President."

"On the contrary, Mix sought my assistance to help him find men of aeronautic ability and other aid that would enable him to produce or reproduce a small plane he had in mind and my efforts were to assist him to stimulate interest in a production he had in mind. There is absolutely nothing else in the story."

SENATORS ACT TO TAKE POWER I. W. W. PLANNED WAR SABOTAGE

Chamberlain Resolution Extends Unprecedented Authority.

Prosecutor Charges Organization Set Out to Defeat Draft and Air Programme.

STRIKE CALLED IN WOODS

Production of Spruce for Planes Was to Be Held Up by Lumberjacks.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—By defeat of the resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday by Chairman Chamberlain of the Committee on Military Affairs there will be created, regardless of executive denials of similar moves, a committee on expenditures. Virtually a committee on the conduct of the war will have been developed out of the existing committee.

This was admitted to-day in Senatorial circles. It is so recognized by Administration supporters who rallied to the defense of the resolution. The Senate last summer when the Weeks-Owen amendment to the food administration law was stricken from that measure.

Under the terms of the Chamberlain amendment the Military Committee is empowered to investigate "the progress of aircraft production in the United States or any other matters relating to the conduct of the war by or through the War Department." The scope which such authority conveys for the broadening of any matter which it has been in importance anything heretofore considered in Congress or out of it. Also the resolution provides that in addition to sitting during sessions of Congress the committee may sit in the recesses of Congress, thus affording a permanent agency of investigation and review of the activities of the War Department and through it of the army of the United States.

The resolution undoubtedly will be passed. At present some of the Administration following in the Senate are anxious to have it amended to the extent that it shall not be empowered to investigate any matter which is not of the committee activities might interfere with the parallel investigation into the aircraft muddle which the Department of Justice has been directed to make. But this does not worry the Military Committee.

Already they have arranged for representatives of the Department of Justice to attend all sessions of the committee, and this agent will be in position to inform the committee whether the trend of its examination is conflicting with secret investigations of the Department of Justice looking to the apprehension of persons engaged in the malversation of Government funds.

Members of the committee are likely to be other crimes indictable or otherwise coming within the purview of the legal branch of the Government.

As long as the Kaiser can be made the scapegoat for a campaign of destruction and the teaching of discontent were referred to in some of the matter placed on record.

Refuse to Salute Flag.

"The patriotic I. W. W. member does not salute the flag," said one paragraph. "He slows down production by practicing sabotage. He produces his loyalty by intelligent rebellion."

This reference was made to the case of Thomas Mooney, sentenced to death in connection with the San Francisco preparedness parade in an official organ under date of April 21, 1917.

"There is in this development of the Mooney trial a lesson for the workers of America, that they must organize their economic power for the destruction of capitalism, of which perjury and legal murder are but one of the manifestations."

"Mooney shall not hang" has recently become the slogan of the organized labor of America. This should now be changed to "the perjury and legal murder shall hang."

Each subcommittee, it is assured, will be dominated by a combination of "Chamberlain Democrats" and "Borglum Republicans" and each will be dominated by a combination of "Chamberlain Democrats" and "Borglum Republicans" and each will be dominated by a combination of "Chamberlain Democrats" and "Borglum Republicans."

French and Turks Join in Pact.

Paris, May 10.—An agreement has been signed between the French and Turkish Governments for the repatriation of French and Turkish civilians.

T.R. LAUNCHES FIERCE ATTACK ON W. R. HEARST

Quotes Many Editorials in a Controversy With Burleson.

ASKS WHY HE IS IMMUNE

Colonel's Answer to Postmaster Asserts Administration Plays Favorites.

Theodore Roosevelt, accepting Postmaster-General Burleson's challenge to prove his charge that the Administration has been anxious to punish newspapers and magazines which told the truth about "the Administration's failure to conduct the war efficiently" and failed to punish powerful newspapers friendly to the Administration which opposed the war or attacked our allies or directly or indirectly aided Germany, issued last night what he calls a "brief preliminary statement."

The Colonel's reply is brief and preliminary because he intends to make a complete analysis of the case in some future issue of his magazine, the *Collier's*, so that it may go into the Government records, as did Mr. Burleson's denial and challenge.

He names the *Metropolitan*, *Magazine*, *Collier's*, *Weekly* and the *New York Tribune* as periodicals that have criticized the Administration's conduct of the war and felt the Administration's displeasure.

Names Hearst Papers.

He names the Hearst papers as "the prime cause for failure by the Administration to proceed against newspapers which opposed the war or attacked our allies or directly or indirectly aided Germany."

He quotes freely from Hearst papers to support his point. He says the quotations deprive Mr. Burleson and the Administration of any shred of justification in this matter.

He also points out that "Mr. Hearst is a very wealthy man, reputed to be much more than a millionaire, owning a dozen newspapers, a large number of magazines, in different parts of the country."

Mr. Roosevelt's statement follows:

"Postmaster-General Burleson's statement was issued formally from the office of information of the Post Office Department. I shall therefore answer it completely and at length in a public manner, so that it will appear permanently in the records, precisely as Mr. Burleson's statement appears. Meanwhile I make the following brief preliminary statement:

"The *Metropolitan* and *Collier's* have consistently upheld the Administration and have also told the truth about the truth which it was absolutely necessary to tell about the Administration's failure to conduct the war efficiently. They have also told the truth about the fact that the Administration has been unable to do so in order to speed up the war. Collier's has been attacked by Mr. Cress, officially speaking as President Wilson's representative, and making a message from the United States Government to the American people. He has also attacked the *Metropolitan* and the *New York Tribune*.

Magazine Stopped.

"The Post Office Department, through the New York Postmaster, on March 2 last notified the Postmaster of the *Metropolitan* that the March issue was non-mailable under the espionage act. This action was widely published throughout the country. The Postmaster was asked to do great damage to the *Metropolitan*. The *Metropolitan* immediately asked the Postmaster for the grounds of his action, but got no answer. On March 3 it telegraphed the Postmaster asking whether the action was taken by the Postmaster-General, and if not what steps the Postmaster-General would take to repair the damage done to the *Metropolitan*.

"On March 11 the Postmaster of New York wrote to the *Metropolitan* reversing the action taken on March 2 and making an apology and giving no explanation. The Postmaster-General, Mr. Burleson, on March 11, replied to the *Metropolitan* stating that the action had been made on the ground that it was a traitorous effusion, but that he did not know whether the complaints were justified and that no order had been issued about it by the Department.

"He did not answer the *Metropolitan's* question as to what steps would be taken to repair the damage done by the conduct of the March 2 action of the *Metropolitan* wrote to Mr. Burleson saying, among other things, 'You must remember that there are a great number of pacifist and pro-German newspapers in this country who will willingly put the *Metropolitan* in the same category as the traitorous effusion of the *Metropolitan*.'"

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ALLIES RETAKE MORE GROUND; GERMANS TRY TO STRIKE ON SOMME; BRITISH BLOCK OSTEND CANAL

LLOYD GEORGE CRUISER IS SUNK FIRMER IN SEAT BETWEEN PIERS

British Premier's Speech Shows Alternative Ministry Is Not in Sight.

Obsolete Vindictive, Concrete Laden, Sent Down Under Heavy Fire.

CURZON DEFENDS CHIEF SUCCESS IS DISPUTED

Asserts All Britain Rejoices in Strong Man at Head of Government.

Germans Assert Fairway Is Still Open for Passage of Submarines.

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LONDON, May 10.—David Lloyd George is more firmly fixed in his seat as Prime Minister as a result of last night's vote of confidence by the House of Commons and the preceding debate growing out of the letter of Major-General P. B. Maurice, who charged that the Ministers had deceived the public as to the military situation on the western front.

This is the opinion, generally expressed in political circles, even among those who have been outspoken Asquith supporters. The former Premier's speech indicated clearly that there is no alternative Ministry in sight, and the sober judgment of responsible men in and out of Parliament is that the national interests require support of the present Government in its task of carrying on the war.

"It would be criminal madness to divert the Prime Minister's attention from the direction of the war," said a member of the debate. "This statement correctly interprets the sentiment of the great bulk of the people, except of course that section of the press and group of politicians which sided upon the recent changes in high posts in the army and navy to exploit them for their own political advantage."

There is no real, solidified opposition in Parliament to the Government was revealed. The Government was declared in the debate he could get no guidance from the opposition leaders how to act. The vote of 233 against the Asquithian motion was a clear indication of the Government's strength and approval of its stand.

Curzon Leads Premier.

Lord Curzon, who is a member of the War Cabinet, addressing the Prime Minister's Club this afternoon, voiced the prevailing newspaper and individual sentiment on the outcome of the vote of the House of Commons yesterday, when he said:

"I will say this, the country at this moment would rather have the present Premier at the helm than any other statesman in the empire. That is the view held by the Allies and the empire as a whole, because Lloyd George has shown the inexhaustible energy and the unabated resolution of the Government to carry on the war to a successful conclusion."

Defending the reforms in the navy and the reforms in the army, which have been largely the cause of the recent attacks on the Government, Lord Curzon said:

"In war more than in peace the military must be subordinate to the civil government, on whom the sole blame is thrown if the military efforts fail. If the Government considers a military action to be a mistake, it is a mistake, and it is a right and a responsibility of the military to have the upper hand in such matters they are liable to disaster."

Surprised at Suggestion.

"I am astonished at the suggestion that Generals and Admirals should be placed in the Cabinet, a suggestion that comes from the very persons who are strong in condemnation of the Prussian methods of Gen. Ludendorff and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and who are warning the snipers and sharpshooters to desert from their attacks upon the Government, with which methods the House of Commons has no sympathy."

"If our men have been protected against poisonous gas abroad do not let our administrators be assailed by the snipers and sharpshooters at home. The Ministry has succeeded in the war and the Ministry has not been in London and Paris, but the flags would be waving in Berlin."

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King George Welcomes American Soldiers

LONDON, May 10.—King George is sending the following message of welcome to each officer and man of the American forces passing through England:

Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of the many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish I could shake hands with each one of you and bid you goodspeed on your mission.

George R. I.

DRIVE IN WOODS COSTLY FAILURE

Germans Suffered Heavily in Men and Lost the Little Ground They Won.

PELTED BY HIGHLANDERS

Seaforts Led the Counter Attack Which Regained Positions for British.

By PERRY ROBINSON.

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BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 9 (delayed).—The German attack yesterday north of Mont Kemmel as far as Ridge Wood gained them nothing except further additions to their casualties. What ground was lost by us through the pushing back of our outposts early in the day was completely recovered by a counter attack in the evening.

I suggested that the attack could have no importance unless it developed into larger proportions than it had assumed. It is learned now that probably it was intended to be made on a considerably wider front and five divisions (40,000 men) were to have participated. The preliminary bombardment was severe and prolonged and covered the British line from above Ridge Wood to the junction with the French on the south, as well as a considerable stretch of the French line.

On the extreme north, however, above Ridge Wood our artillery seems to have made impossible an enemy advance. Seriously on the French front the attack swept the German positions, while the French infantry made an independent minor attack of their own on isolated reserves. The German arrangements appear to have been completely disconcerted. Instead of a respectable operation of five divisions, therefore, all that was left was a small force of about a mile from Ridge Wood southward, in which two German divisions took part.

Some Germans at one time got past the wood and reached the remnants of a group of buildings immediately behind it, but the enemy had no shelter there and our main line of resistance was untouched. When the Seaforts counter attacked at 7 o'clock they swept the enemy back through the wood. This morning our original position was restored.

The German divisions employed were the Fifty-second reserve at Ridge Wood and the Fifty-sixth division on the south. Both against a part of the front on which there was one British division. The prisoners we took are from both divisions, but chiefly from the Fifty-sixth. In the opinion of our men the German casualties were heavy and it was a very costly adventure on the enemy's part.

It is probable that when the Germans try again in this sector, as they certainly will, it will be on a bigger scale.

DEAD AIR FOE'S BROTHER HURT

Lieut. von Richthofen's Skull Fractured by Fall in Flight.

LONDON, May 10.—A Reuter's despatch from British Headquarters in France says it is reported that Lieut. von Richthofen, brother of the famous German aviator, who was killed recently, has fallen during an aerial fight over the Somme Valley and that his skull was fractured.

It is unlikely that he will ever fly again.

PREY OF U-BOATS CUT DOWN HALF IN YEAR

Warfare Now More Costly for Germans Than in 1917.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Official French statistics on the submarine warfare conducted here in a despatch from France show that the total losses of allied and neutral ships, including aircraft at sea, were approximately one-half as great during April this year as in 1917.

In April last year 634,685 gross tons were lost, while this year's figures are 281,631. Submarine attacks now are more costly for the enemy, the despatch says, because the attacks are chiefly made with torpedoes instead of mines, as was the case before merchant ships were adequately and efficiently armed.

Attention also is called to the fact that each time the Germans have made an offensive on land they made a corresponding effort with their submarines. Thus during the second half of March the number and activities of submarines increased. The first half of April marked a very distinct lessening attributed to the counter efforts of the Allies.

London War Office Says Enemy Is Massing Reserves Behind Lines.

ALBERT TRENCH REWON

French Win Grivesnes Park West of the Avre After Hard Fight.

CAPTURE 294 PRISONERS

Germans Assert They Made 675 Captives in Dickerbusch Lake Fight.

LONDON, May 10.—Both the British and the French were successful in the minor fighting that marked the operations last night and to-day on the battle front in Picardy and Flanders. The French achievement, although not large in amount, was important in character. After an intensive bombardment the police stormed and took Grivesnes Park, five miles north of Montdidier, and incidentally 258 German prisoners. This is immediately to the north of the place where the Americans are reported to be taking part in the battle of Pheary. In other fighting the French took 36 additional prisoners. Paris reports to-night a violent bombardment of the sector between Lassigny and Noyon, a little to the east.

The British blow was delivered northwest of Albert, where they recovered in the evening the trench captured yesterday by the Germans. Field Marshal Haig to-night reports local fighting at Aveluy Wood, north of Albert, and mentions artillery activity in the Vimy and Rebecq sectors and south of Dickerbusch, back of Mont Kemmel.

Germans Report Captives.

The Germans report only minor engagements, but in a belated statement on Wednesday's operations about Dickerbusch Lake they assert that they captured 475 prisoners from six French and two British divisions and took by storm strongly fortified positions over a front of about a mile and a quarter. Describing the British recapture of the trench and machine gun fire which captured yesterday by the Germans, the correspondent of the Associated Press with the British army in France says the action was important, as the position was a high ground which had been hotly contested ever since the Germans took Albert. The temporary success of the Germans cost them dearly, for they suffered heavy casualties from the rifle and machine gun fire which poured into them as they advanced up the slopes.

The operation was undertaken about dusk, and shortly afterward the enemy attempted to reach the British lines east of Boulogne, about 2,000 yards to the north. Here also the British were holding their ground, and the invaders could not occupy the position because its occupation would give them a better position to work from for another big attack.

A Rush That Failed.

The Germans advanced, shouting "Heure!" It was an old trick in the trench warfare of the British. The defenders responded with machine gun fire that the Germans acted on their own and fell back, leaving many dead and wounded behind.

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